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# Caledonian Mercury,

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A Short Account of all the most considerable News,  
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Thursday August 22, 1723.

From the Evening Post, August 17.

This Day we had one Mail from Holland.

Hamburg, August 20.

**L** E T T E R S from Stockholm say, the great Divisions among the Duties of the States continue still. The Party of the Duke of Holstein increases daily: Mr. Bassewitz, his Minister, received of late many Expresses from Petersburg. The same Letters add, That an extraordinary Courier arrived also lately from the Swedish Minister who resides at Petersburg, with a Packet of Letters which he delivered to Count Horn, who immediately went to Carlesberg, where a Conference was held about the Contents of the said Letters; his Swedish Majesty being present: At the Conclusion of which, the British Minister was acquainted with what had been transacted therein; and that Minister dispatched an Express with it the next Day to Hanover.

*Altena, August 20.* Baron Stenberg, formerly Gentleman of the Bed-chamber to the late Duke Anthony Ulrick of Wolfenbuttle, was taken into Custody Yesterday at Hamburg, at the Request of one of the principal Ministers at the Court of Hanover.

*Brussels, August 19.* The Directors of our India Company will begin the 24th Instant to receive the first Payment of the Sums subscrib'd. 'Tis said, That in the next Court of that Company, the said Directors propose to send to the Indies two Ships, one of 50, the other of 60 Guns, and wait their Return before they send more; also, to set up in this Country, Manufactories for the North and other Parts.

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*From the Whitehall Evening Post.*

*Prague, August 7.* We continue to make great Preparations here for the Coronation of their Imperial Majesties; at which Ceremony are to assist the Duke and Dutchess of Brunswick Blankenburgh, Father and Mother of the Empresss Regent. The Lord Carnarvan, Son of the Duke of Chandois, is arriv'd here. The Marquis de Vasquez, who is going to Lisbon, will be charg'd with some Commissions touching the East India Company newly established in the Austrian Netherlands. We have had violent Tempests in several Parts of the Kingdom, and the Heats continue to be excessive.

*Geneva, August 11.* We hear from Turin, that they talk much of the speedy Marriage of the Prince of Piedmont, some say with the Princess of Portugal, and others with the Princess of Baden.

*Hamburg, August 17.* We hear from Petersburg, That the Ministers of Russia have declared to these of the Foreign Powers, that the Emperor their Master would suddenly return to Cronstot with his Fleet, on board of which no Troops were embarked. We hear from Stockholm, that there is a great Party in Sweden in favour of the Duke of Holstein's being declared Successor to the Crown of that Kingdom.

*Paris, August 21.* The Duke of Orleans employs under him, M. Dupont, Secretary of the late Cardinal Dubois, M. Robin his first Clerk for the Finances, and the Abbe Vonier for the Benefices. Yesterday Morning was published an Arret for another Diminution of the Gold and Silver. The Louis D'ors are reduced five Livres, and the other Specie in Proportion; and these Alterations happen so suddenly, that no Body knows it before 'tis published as a Law. The Actions are since fallen from 930 Livres to 860.

*From the Flying Post.*

*Rome, July 31.* Some Days ago the Pretender and his Lady went to pay a Visit to the Cardinal Alberoni, at his House situate without the Gate of Pio, where they were splendidly entertain'd at Dinner by the said Prelate, with whom the Pretender had afterwards a private Conference. The Latter return'd the same Night to Town, and treated the Cardinal Gualtieri and Abbot Tassin, the Minister of France, at Supper; where the Repast was served up for the 1st Time in the Service of Guilt-plate, which the Pretender received lately from Paris, together with a praying Desk of Silver, which was the Property of the late Queen of England.

*Leighburn, July 31.* We hear that 3 Men of War of 70 Guns each, are sitting out at Toulon; and that six Gallies are ready to put to Sea at Marseilles upon some unknown Expedition.

*Basil, August 13.* The Popish Cantons continue to make great Preparations for War, but the Protestant Cantons are upon their Guard. Those of Zurich and Bern have agreed to the Reformation of the Calendar made by the Protestant Body of the Empire: and 'tis not doubted but those of Basil and Schaffhausen will quickly do the same. The Elector Palatine, who disputes the King of Great Britain's Title of Arch-Treasurer of the Empire, is very impatient to have the Merits of that Affair brought upon the Carpet and decided: but 'tis a Matter of too great Importance to be determined in a Hurry.

*Hanover, August 23.* Monday last the King of Great Britain entertained his Royal Daughter the Queen of Prussia, with a very splendid Ball, at which the Lords and Ladies of the Court were present. Her Majesty intended to have set out for Berlin the very next Day; but at the King's Request, she was prevail'd on to stay till Wednesday, when she set out very early in the Morning, and proposed to be at Berlin in the Evening.

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*From the Flying Post, August 17.*

*London, August 17.* Yesterday Se-enight at Lancaster Assizes, Edward Orton at Swannington near Ashby de la Zouch Tanner, was tryed and convicted of Felony before Mr. Justice Darmer, for marking and selling Hides with a counterfeit Stamp; for which he received Sentence of Death, pursuant to an Act made in the ninth Year of the late Queen Anne.

The Captain of a Ship bound for Boulogn, and several Passengers, were taken into Custody of Messengers last Saturday, and brought to Town next Day to be examined; but we hear they are since discharged.

A Letter from an eminent Physician at Salisbury brings Advice, That 1244 have been visited with the small Pox in that City, from Christmasts last to the 29th Ult, of which Number 165 died. The same Physician has sent a particular Account of his Majesty's Surgeon, of 80 Persons of all Ages and Constitutions, from the Age of One and a Half to 50; who, within these three Months, have been inoculated for the small Pox in that City, and are recovered.

*From the Whitehall Evening Post, August 17.*

*Constantinople, July 12.* The Sultanas and Galleys, on Board whereof, the Troops and Ammunition were embarked, are returned from the Dardanel, after remaining there about a Month. A Report runs, That an Ambassador from the Son of the dethron'd Sophy being arrived on our Frontiers, has been arrested by the Governour of Erzerum, who waits for the Orders of the Porte before he release him. 'Tis added, This Ambassador has sent hither 2 Persons of Confidence to complain of his Detention, and to shew the Grand Vizier the Copy of his Letters of Credence; but we know not the Contents thereof, nor what has been resolv'd on that Head.

A few Days ago, the Marquis de Bonac, Ambassador of France, presented the Grand Seignior with 40 Orange Trees in Pots, to adorn his new House built on the Canal, half a League from this Capital.

*Petersburg, August 2.* We hear from Novogrod, That the Ambassador of Persia is fallen sick; upon which a Physician is sent from hence to visit him, and take Care of him.

*Stockholm, August 4.* The 29 past arrived here an Express from Petersburg, dispatch'd by our Envoy with Letters for the King, giving advice of the Departure of the Russian Fleet; and that the Czar had assured him, that his Design of going to Sea was nothing more than to exercise his Seamen.

The States have resolv'd to continue sitting till they have finished their Affairs.

The Prisoners formerly mentioned, received their Sentences, viz. The Notary Daling, who conspired against the new Form of Government, and had contrived divers pernicious Designs to subvert it, is condemned as a Traitor to his Country, to be beheaded; and his Body buried under the Gallows, after being quartered; and all his Goods confiscated. Capt. Pranger is condemned to live on Bread and Water four Weeks, and afterwards to be banish'd the Kingdom; and to have his Name affixed to the Gallows: And in case he attempts to return into the Kingdom, he is to be imprison'd for his Life at Marstrand.

*Hamburg, August 20.* Some Letters from Revel mention, That the Duke of Holstein was gone to Stockholm, to thank the States for giving him the Title of Royal Highness.

*Paris, August 21.* A sad Accident happened the 19th Instant to Sir John Guin, an English Gentleman, as he was shooting with an English Nobleman near this Place: A Peasant shot at random at a Bird, but unfortunately shot Sir John in the Face. 'Tis thought his Life is not in Danger, but he has entirely lost both his Eyes.

*London, August 17.* We hear, that the late Cardinal Dubois left a Legacy of 2000 Pistoles to a Person of Distinction at London, with whom his Eminence had contracted a strict Amity during his Negotiations at this Court.

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Mr. Paxton hath a Pension of 300 L. *per Annum* settled on him, in Consideration of the great Trouble and Expence he hath been at in managing the Prosecutions of the Crown under Anthony Crachrode, Esq; present Solicitor to the Treasury.

We are informed, that the Marquis de Cortanze, Envoy of the King of Sardinia, now with his Majesty at Hanover, is preparing to return hither, to transact some Affairs with the Regency.

Some Days ago Major C-----m, Lieutenant Governor of Fort William in Inverlochy, arrived in Town from thence, to make Complaint to the Regency of an outrageous Insult committed against him by the Store-keeper of the Garrison, who is said to be the Son of the Governor of that Fort. The Affair is like to come before a Court Martial, the Assailant having acted in Defiance to the Discipline of War.

There was a general Meeting of the Commissioners of the Tax upon Papists, in the Exchequer Chamber, Westminster, on Tuesday last.

The South Sea Company's Warehouses are at present full of our Woollen and other Manufactures, to be sent on board their Assiento Ship, now sitting out at Blackwall.

On Sunday-morning last, no less than Twelve Ladies of Pleasure were sent to Bridwell, from a House behind St. Clement's Church. The Magistracy of this City, it seems, are firmly resolved to suppress all these Nurseries of Debauchery.

From Newcastle upon Tyne, they write, That they have a Disease amongst them which their Physicians call a *Rush Fever*, which carries those off in a Day or two that are seiz'd with it, few recovering that have laboured under it. 'Tis said to have reached Shields, and other Towns in the Neighbourhood.

*Extract of a Letter from Portsmouth of the 12th Instant.*

" One would have thought, after such Steps as the Parliament have taken  
" to suppress the Blacks, and the Examples already made of severals, that we  
" should have had no more of them, at least for some Time: But such is their  
" daring Insolence, that but a few Days ago Five of those of *Waltham* appear-  
" ed upon that Chace, each having two Firelocks, &c. and in open Defiance of  
" all Laws, carried off two fat Bucks.

*From the London Gazette, August 17.*

*Prague, August 14. N. S.* 'Tis now the Talk at Court, that the Empress is some Months gone with Child; and that therefore, as soon as the Coronation is over, she will return to Vienna by easy Journeys.

*Stockholm, July 31.* The King of Sweden having recommended to the States to make an Election of some Senators, the States assembled on the 29th, in order to deliberate upon that Affair: The Nobility and Clergy concluded unanimously, That there should be an Election of Four Senators; but the Burghers and Peasants at first opposed the same, as not thinking an Election of Senators necessary, or at least, of so many as were proposed. These Bodies have since been prevail'd upon to give their Assent; and Electors will be appointed by each Order of the States, to pitch upon Persons qualified for so important a Post. As soon as the States have selected a requisite Number of the Persons so pitch'd upon, they will be presented to the King, for his Majesty to make the final Choice.

*From the Weekly Journal, August 17.*

We must for a While defer giving an Account of the Proceedings of the Czar for want of certain Intelligence; it being the constant Custom of that Prince, whenever he has any Expedition upon the *Tapis*, to stop all Posts from coming out of his Country. And as to our Advices from other Parts concerning him, they all seem to be writ according to the Hopes or Fears of those who are pleas'd to send them.

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which was sent to the Author of the True Briton, which was published on August 17.

*From the Evening Post, August 17.*  
*View of August 7.* We are informed, That Cardinal Salano, who not long since returned from Italy, designs to lay before the Emperor a Scheme, whereby in the next Conclave for electing a new Pope, the present being like to be short liv'd, his Imperial Majesty may obtain a Majority of Votes, in Favour of a Cardinal well affected to the Interest of the House of Austria.

*Plimouth, August 13.* Rich Liveries and other Preparations are making, for solemnizing the Nuptials betwixt Mr. Cholmondly, Son to the Lord Newburgh, and the only Daughter of the Right Honourable Robert Walpole Esq.

This Day at Noon, South Sea Stock was 102,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , Bank 102,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , India 129, 3 qrs. African 10. Royal Exchange Assurance 4, 1 qr. London Assurance 5, 2 qr. York Buildings 8.

Sir Edward Northey, formerly Attorney General, died Yesterday as Epitom of the Palace.

The Turkey Fleet is arrived at Portsmouth, very richly laden.

*Wye's Letter verbatim, London August 17.*

OUR Letters by the last Holland Mail from Sweden relate, That they have been under very great Apprehensions at Stockholm, lest the Russian Fleet should have formed a Design against that Kingdom in Favour of the Duke of Holstein, for which Reason, the Guard Gallies in the Scheren are doubled, and several Regiments have been ordered to draw near Stockholm, but they have since received certain Information by several Advice-boats which had been cruising as far as Revel: That the Russian Fleet is without Gallies and have no Land Forces aboard: Their Fears are now vanishes.

P. S. 'Tis wrote from Peter-burg, That the Emperor's Fleet having been some Days at Sea, returned to Rogerwick, where his Imperial Majesty came on board, and gave Orders to fortify that Place, it being near Revel and well situated for carrying on his Designs.

Letters from Constantinople say, That on the 10th past, the Porte received two Expresses dispatched by the Bashaw of Erzerum with Advice, That the Georgians of Caspuch, formerly Tributary to the deethron'd Sophy, and who had afterwards submitted to the Emperor of Russia when he made his Expedition to the Caspian Sea, had put themselves under the Protection of the Grand Seignior, upon the Approach of 8000 Turks commanded by the said Governour, who had already taken Possession of the Town of Tiflis, the Capital of Georgia, and two other Places. 'Tis said he was favoured in this Expedition by the Prince of Rivvan, whose Country is contiguous to Georgia.

The 8 Persons we formerly mentioned to be brought up in Custody from Gravesend, among whom was one Capt. Philpot, Commander of the Vessel which was bound for France, were Yesterday examin'd by the Secretary of State, and discharged. We hear the Case was thus, Mr. Cowpar and Mr. Ellis, two of the King's Messengers going down to Gravesend last Saturday, went to the clearing Port to enquire after Capt. Philpot's Vessel; the Clerk told them he knew of no such Vessel, and said he believed they were Messengers, to which Answer was made, That supposing they were, he ought the rather to inform them, upon which he said he would enquire in the Town about it and satisfy them: But instead thereof, acquainted the Captain of the said Vessel, that Messengers were in quest of him, and returning he pretended to the Messengers, that he cou'd get an Account of the Vessel, but as the Messengers were walking about the Town, they accidentally heard a Gentlewoman take Leave of Mrs. Philpot by Name, and wish her a good Voyage: Hereupon they followed her aboard and seized the Captain and Passengers afore-mentioned, but found no Letters, tho' its conjectured he had divers for the late Bishop of Rochester, &c. but had Time enough to destroy them, which 'tis said, he owned in his Examination. The Clerk we hear is discharged from his Office, which is worth about 200 l. per Annum.

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We don't hear of any Challenge sent to the Author of the True Briton, which some were of Opinion would have happened before this Time, on Account of his Spanish Manuscript. Mean While, he is so bold in his Paper published yesterday, as to say, that when Carafago pretends to disturb him, Notice of his Character shall be given to the Publick in the True Briton.

The Informers in Behalf of the Spittlefield Weavers, have been very busy of late Days frequenting the Churches, to take Notice of Wearers of India Silks, and to follow such Ladys home, in Order to come with a Constable the next Day and seize such Garments, of which, we are assured they have seized within a Week or two past, above 150 Suits in Cornhill, Cheapside, Ludgatehill, &c.

Last Night died the Right Reverend Dr. Timwell Bishop of Winchester, at Farnham Castle in Surry, after a long Indisposition. 'Tis the Opinion of many, that the Bishop of Salisbury will be transferred to that See.

Yesterday departed this Life, that great Lawyer Sir Edward Northy of the Pally, at Epom.

Strict Enquiry is made at Plymouth, of all Ships coming, in Order to get Information of the infected French Ship, said to be in the Channel.

The Turkey Fleet is arrived at Portsmouth very richly laden; and that from Jamaica is daily expected.

## ADVERTISEMENT.

**T**HERE is a Piece of Silver Plate, 25 Pound Sterling value, set out by several Noblemen and Gentlemen, to be Run for at Peebles on the usual Ground, upon the first Wednesday of October next, being the 2d Day of that Month, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding, each of them to carry eight Scots Stone, Troid Weight, allowing Whip, Saddle and Bridle to be Part of the Weight; The best in three Heats, each Heat thrice round.

The Horses which are to run for this Plate being three at least, belonging to several Owners, must be at Peebles ten Days before the Race, and to be entered there by the Town-Clerk, fortyeight Hours before the Course, and the Inputs to be 6 Guineas amongst them. No Crossing nor Jostling to be allowed, and all Disputes are to be determined by the Judges appointed by the Gentlemen Subscribers for the said Plate.

The Distance Post is to be ten Score Yards from the starting Post.

The Rider after each Heat, is to take off his Saddle himself, and carry it with him the Moment he dismounts to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing, a Pound for waste.

Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat for rubbing.

If any single Horse, Mare or Gelding wins the first two Heats, and if they are challenged by any of the rest who saved their Distance, they are obliged to run again; and if they save their own Distance they win the Race, if distanced they lose it.

If three single Horses win each of them a Heat, the Horse that wins the last Heat wins the Plate.

If any Horse, Mare or Gelding runs on the wrong Side of any of the Posts, they are to run back the same Way and run right, or else they are to be adjudged as distanced.

This Plate being lately advertised to be on the last Wednesday of August; and the Time being too short for Gentlemen and Horses to be ready against that Day it was thought proper to alter the Course to the first Wednesday of October next.

**E. D. I. N. B. U. R. G. H:**

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which is worth about 100 l. per annum.

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